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Local News

Paw Paw and Vicinity

A. Lynn Free was a business visitor in Grand Rapids Monday.

Delos Mitchelson and wife were Decatur callers on Monday last.

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Frank Miller and brother Arthur Miller were business callers in Battle Creek Wednesday.

Mrs. Cora Barrows of Lawrence spent the week end with her daughter Mrs. George Weston.

Mrs. H. C. Waters has gone to Wyand, Illinois to spend a few weeks with her son Charles Waters.

Ray Pugsley moved his family this week into their new home recently purchased of Mrs. Jennie Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Mitchelson and Mrs. Rheta Nash were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mauk of Bangor last Tuesday.

The Grange will hold a meeting in the Memorial Hall on Saturday evening of this week. There will be refreshments.

Mrs. Viva C. Scott of Bangor was a guest of Mrs. Rena V. Beach and family last week while here to take the teachers' examination.

The many friends of Mrs. Olivia Woodman will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness and will soon be out again.

The county federation of women's clubs will meet in South Haven on Wednesday, May 15th. All members of the Coterie who expect to go are requested to notify the secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ernsberger were in Grand Rapids last Saturday. They made the trip with Mrs. Ernsberger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phelps of Lawton via auto, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Pearl Smith and niece Mrs. Irene Vellman have been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Vellman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Smith. Mrs. Smith left to join her husband in Toledo, Ohio, which is to be their future home.

Little James Galloway, nine years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Galloway of Hillsdale, Mich., passed away on Friday morning last. Death was caused from pneumonia. Mrs. Galloway will be remembered as Miss Daisy Blackman, for a number of years a resident of Paw Paw.

Mrs. Henry Holt entertained for dinner last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Smith and Volney, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, Mrs. Mary Welch of Paw Paw, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mosier and A. W. Mosier east of town. It has been the custom with these families for the past twelve years to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Holt and Roy Mosier which falls on the same day.

Through the courtesy of Congressman E. L. Hamilton, The True Northerner is in receipt of a number of packages of garden seeds from the U. S. department of Agriculture. We desire to distribute these seeds among our subscribers. All we ask is that you call at the office and get them. They are free for the asking. First come, first served. You are welcome to them as long as they last.

The meeting of the Coterie next Wednesday will be the last one for this year. This will be a business meeting and the various reports of committees and officers will be given. All members are requested to be present and prepared to give an opinion on matters of importance to the club in the next years work.

The street concert by the high school band on Wednesday was well attended notwithstanding the cold disagreeable weather. The boys play beautifully, and it seems as though it would be just as well if the listeners would show just a little more appreciation. Players, actors and musicians always do better when an audience "Warm Up" to their efforts. A little applause occasionally is a mighty fine thing, and an incentive for the boys to do their best. Remember the concerts every Wednesday night, and give the boys a "Hand".

Little Peggy Van Vleck is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Charles Harris was a Kalamazoo visitor last Monday.

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Leo Warner of Kalamazoo spent a few hours with his parents here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jacobs are rejoicing over the advent of a baby girl born last Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller entertained the members of the Cribbage club at their home Tuesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Young of South Haven were guests Wednesday of his brother M. H. Young and family.

Wm. Canfield of Detroit was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Duncomb for the party at Keeler Wednesday evening.

Mrs. I. A. Whitman returned home last Friday after spending three weeks at the home of her daughter in Birmingham, Michigan.

Mrs. R. W. Broughton returned home Tuesday after spending the week end with her daughter Mrs. Jane Roach in South Bend, Indiana.

Quite a number of the Council Masons of Paw Paw were in Lawrence Thursday night to witness the initiation of thirty candidates into the mysteries of those degrees, and attend the banquet. A fine time is reported.

The pupils of the Paw Paw school, carrying flags and headed by the High school band, paraded the streets of the village last Friday afternoon in honor of Liberty Day. They made a fine appearance and elicited applause and many complimentary comments all along the line of march.

The first championship game of the season was played at the base ball park last Friday afternoon between Paw Paw and Lawrence. It was a hard fought game, and went to Lawrence by the score of 5 to 2. It was a hard game for the locals to lose, but the boys are good losers. They are not disheartened and will work all the harder for the remaining games of the preliminary series. The game was preceded by a short military drill.

Van Buren County's quota of drafted men reported at the offices of the Local Draft Board on Friday afternoon last. The Home Guards of Decatur, in uniform, came over with the boys from that village and gave a fine drill on the streets. In the evening the new recruits headed by the local High School band and Local Draft Board, marched through the streets and assembled in the Court Room, where splendid addresses were given by Rev. C. H. Heaton, pastor of the Baptist church, Attorney Lincoln H. Titus of Kalamazoo and Attorney T. J. Cavanaugh of this place. They left on the six o'clock train Saturday morning for Camp Custer.

The True Northerner starts The Missing Word Contest this week. It will be found on page two, and will continue for a period of ten weeks. The lucky contestant will receive \$1.00 in Thrift Stamps each week and the second nearest correct will receive The True Northerner for six months. The conditions and details of the contest will be found fully explained at the top of the page of advertising. There are six missing words in as many "ads" this week. Look for them and send your answers in not later than Tuesday noon of each week. No answers received after that hour. The winners will be announced each week.

The O'Grady Bros. have a couple of relics consisting of a large bill and photograph, that carries the "Old Timers" back to the old days of Capt. E. Smith and "The Long Brick." The bill is printed from a huge wood cut and represents the Paw Paw railroad. Two ferocious looking animals are hitched to several crude coaches loaded with people, and on the side of one of the coaches is inscribed these words: "Clear the Track! We are bound for E. Smith & Co's Long Brick Store Forever." The old photograph is dim with age, but the following faces can be recognized among the people standing in front of the "Long Brick." Alf Ingraham, Hunt the Tailor, Frank Van Dyke, Capt. E. Smith, L. B. Gorton and George Harrison.

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A reception was given for Rev. Percy Nickless and wife last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Louise Thayer.

Mrs. Alice (LaGrave) Humphrey of Detroit was called here last Saturday to be present at the interment of her uncle C. E. LaGrave.

There will be a musical recital at the home of Miss Irene Lane, given by her pupils, on Monday evening, May 6th, at 7:30 o'clock. The parents and friends of the pupils are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. David Dillon has been critically ill at her home on Gremps street with pneumonia. Miss Laura Younglove, a trained nurse from Kalamazoo is here assisting in her care.

The remains of the late C. E. LaGrave were brought here from Chicago last Saturday and interred in Prospect cemetery. The services were in charge of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. of which he has long been an honored member. The funeral party consisted of Mrs. C. E. LaGrave and son W. E. LaGrave and wife, all of Chicago.

The pupils of the grades, under the direction of Miss Mabel Chaffee gave a fine Audobon program at the Coterie club rooms last Thursday afternoon to a large and appreciative audience. The program consisted of several recitations, songs and a little play entitled, "The Birds Convention." Each number was well rendered and reflected much credit on Miss Chaffee and her able helpers.

Jeff Jennings, one of the well known and highly respected residents of Lawrence township died at his home on the banks of Reynolds lake Saturday morning. He was naturally a strong robust man, but has been in poor health for several months, gradually growing weaker until the end. A pathetic feature of his death is the fact that the only son, Rex is in the service of his country and has been in France during all of his Father's fatal illness. Rex resigned a position as cashier in the Home bank at Lawrence to enlist in Troop "A". His father then was in good health and his death will be a severe blow to his son, but such is the life of a soldier. The funeral was held on Wednesday from the home. Rising Sun Lodge F. and A. M. of which he has long been an honored member officiated. The son, Rex and his mother are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father and an exemplary citizen.

The Boston Herald of recent date contains an account of the death of Charles J. Bailey, who at one time was a resident of Paw Paw, and who has made frequent trips to the old home town in the years gone by. He died at his home in Boston after a three weeks illness with Bright's Disease, aged seventy years. He was born in Jackson, Michigan, and went to Boston in 1876 and engaged in the wholesale lace business with his brother-in-law, Julius Clapp. While in that business he invented a number of rubber specialties, and in the year of 1887 began to devote his whole attention to the rubber industry. At one time he maintained offices in London and Paris for the sale of his patented specialties. He was one of the most prominent men in the rubber business in this entire country. Surviving him are his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Walter E. Hills and the Misses Leah and Eva Bailey, and one son H. Esmond Bailey now serving in the navy. The funeral was held from his home in Boston on Tuesday last.

The South Haven Tribune of last Saturday contains the following report of the work done by the women of the county in the Liberty Loan Drive: "On April 26th, the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee of Van Buren County reached a total of \$163,950 in amounts of bonds sold by them. This puts the women 'over the top' in Van Buren, as their self-imposed allotment as with national and state Women's committees, is one-third of the whole apportionment. This one-third in the county would be \$162,464. In Decatur, Paw Paw and Keeler the women have sold over one-half of the local assignment of bonds. With a week of working time ahead it is expected that this amount of bonds sold will be largely increased.

Mrs. A. A. Pike spent Tuesday in Lawton with her grand children.

Mesdames Alison Johnson and Fred Bridger were Kalamazoo visitors on Monday last.

Will Mosier was sick and absent from the store the first of the week, but is better now and back on the job.

Several auto loads of Paw Paw people went to Keeler on Wednesday night to attend the Red Cross dancing party. A delightful time is reported.

Max Scott called on Paw Paw friends for a few hours on Monday. Max is a member of some Canadian regiment, and expects to be sent Over Seas soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoppe of Benton Harbor are now at home on the David Shaefer farm south of town. Mrs. Hoppe will be remembered as Miss Florence Shaefer.

The state commissioner of Insurance has named next week, May 6th, to 11th, inclusive as annual "Clean-Up Week." If you haven't cleaned up the alleys and premises, now is the time.

Miss Marjorie Clapp is recovering nicely from her recent operation at Bronson hospital and expects to be well enough to come home next Sunday. Miss Mary Howe came over from Grand Haven to spend the last week end with her.

The Decker and Decker real estate agency sold this week, the E. C. Holdridge farm of 140 acres to Joe Vestula of Chicago, and the Will Ryder 40 acres to John Amann of Chicago. Mr. Amann and family will come here to make this their home.

Splendid as has been the response of the people of Paw Paw and vicinity to the call for the Third Liberty Loan we cannot overlook the fact that this community is but a part of the whole United States and that, until the full amount of the issue is in sight, our responsibility is by no means at an end.

Frank and Arthur Miller received a new Ford truck last week for use in their pickle business. These enterprising boys are planning an extensive industry in this line for Paw Paw. They have contracts to date for 150 acres of cucumbers and will erect a salting station at the Barrison Crossing. The Miller brothers are both hustlers, and make a success of anything they tackle.

County Farm Agent, Eckard desires the full name and address of the secretaries of farmers organizations of every kind in Van Buren county, and the proper name of the organizations they are affiliated with. He has a large number of copies of the report of the county agent for the year 1917 which he desires to distribute through these organizations. He also says there is need for a closer relationship between the Farm Agent's office and these various organizations in the county, and he makes the request as a step in that direction.

County Clerk Royal Decker received the following telegram last Wednesday, dated from Chicago. "We are now one--Home about Thursday. Signed, Vernon at the Brevort." Interpreted literally, the telegram means that Miss Gladys Peterson became the bride of Vernon Decker in Chicago on that day. We understand that the happy couple will reside on the Barney farm, known as "The Sanitary Chicken Ranch." Verne owns this place, and has a fine Bungalow home all furnished and ready. Both young people are known here to a large circle of friends, and The True Northerner joins in congratulations.

Clair Linton, Master at Arms, 2nd, Class, from the Naval Recruiting station in Detroit was in Paw Paw last Monday morning, and will continue to come here every Monday morning until further notice to receive and examine applicants for the Navy. The government is asking now for 5,000 recruits for the Naval Reserve. Men from all trades are wanted, and all will see service Aboard Ship. The lowest pay in this service is \$35.00 per month, and the highest \$83.00, promotions coming according to the ability of the enlisted men. The necessary blanks and all further information may be obtained from Judge David Anderson, chair man of the County War Board.

Ernest Cross has returned from a trip to Northern Michigan. He reports Grand Traverse Bay still full of ice, and says that he rode several miles on sleighs the morning he started home. Snow was six inches deep on the level he says.

A recent letter from S. M. Holladay manager of the Midland Chautauqua circuit states that he is going to give the Chautauqua patrons of Paw Paw this year something worth while. The True Northerner is in hopes to be able to announce the dates in an early issue.

Governor Sleeper has issued a proclamation naming Sunday May 12th, as "Mothers' Day." He calls upon the people of Michigan both young and old, to gather in their several places to worship and take part in services appropriate to the day, and by the wearing of a red flower for the living mother and a white for the dear departed, to symbolize their love and reverence for the mothers of the nation.

Mrs. Barney O'Dell had the misfortune to fall and sustain a fracture of the hip last Saturday evening. It is not known just how the accident happened, but she fell from the back steps of the residence. She was taken to Kalamazoo in an ambulance Sunday morning for further examination and treatment. The accident is serious, as Mrs. O'Dell is past sixty-nine years of age and has been an invalid for the past eleven years. Her host of Paw Paw friends are hoping for a recovery and restoration to health.

The Registration places for Women in the village of Paw Paw were thronged throughout the day last Saturday, and a total of 343 ladies were registered in the village. Many of the ladies were unable to go to the places, but are handing their names in to the Registrars this week. Reports from the various Registrars in the country districts are most gratifying, and Paw Paw township will be one hundred per cent efficient so far as the women are concerned when the final tabulation is made. The Registrars worked like Trojans all day, and were ably assisted during the closing hours by four of the teachers, the Misses Bandfield, Terry England and Brown.

The Thrift Stamp purchases by the school last week amounted to \$117.50 and the total purchases to date during the last three weeks, the time since the campaign started has been \$311.25. The Fifth grade with a purchase of \$25.00 worth of stamps during the past week again lead. One thousand dollars before the end of the school year has been placed as the objective, and The True Northerner ventures the assertion that the school will "Go over the Top." The purchase by grades:--First grade the past week \$2.00, this week \$11.00; Second grade \$2.25, \$14.75; Third grade \$12.00, \$29.50; Fourth grade \$5.50, \$19.00; Fifth grade \$25.00, \$54.75; Sixth grade \$15.25, \$29.00; Seventh grade \$15.00, \$28.25; Eighth grade \$2.50, \$7.75; Ninth grade \$10.75, \$79.25; Tenth grade \$2.50, \$20.00; Eleventh grade \$18.00, \$31.75; Twelfth grade \$6.25, \$16.25. Total last week \$117.51, this week \$311.25.

The Houghton Mining Gazette has investigated the pronunciation of the word "Cantonment." The word is ordinarily pronounced, "Can-ton-ment" with accent on the second syllable. President Wilson pronounces it, "Can-ton-ment" with accent on the first syllable. On March 9th, the city editor of the Gazette read in the Ladies Home Journal the statement that the word was pronounced "can-ton-ment" with the accent on the second syllable. This appeared to be too much of a strain on a reasonably simple word and it was decided to refer the matter to the world's greatest authority. The word cantonment first came to the notice of American readers in the writings of Rudyard Kipling in his Indian tales. The city editor of the Gazette wrote Mr. Kipling, asking him to indicate the proper pronunciation. His answer passed by the censor, was received yesterday. It follows:--"The Ladies Home Journal is right as to the pronunciation of cantonment." This settles the matter. The word is "cantonment." The court of last resort has spoken. Should any one care to take up any other question with Mr. Kipling it might be well to indicate his address in Burwash, Etchingham, Sussex, England.

Arthur Miller, Charles Bilsborrow and John Woodman have each received a Ford tractor for their farm work. We understand there are three others already in use in this township, but we are unable to give the names of the owners.

Alison Johnson has resigned as Master Mechanic of the K. L. S. and C. Ry. and is succeeded by Wm. Underwood of Maristee. Mr. Johnson has been a railroad man all of his life, starting in as section hand as a boy of sixteen on the road then running between Paw Paw and Lawton. Later he was employed for a period of fourteen years as fireman on the Michigan Central. In 1882 he was again employed on what is now the Fruit Belt line, and has worked for this road continuously in various capacities since that time. The late John Ihling was president of the road when Mr. Johnson first commenced his duties as Master Mechanic, Road Master, Engineer and Fireman all in one. He relates some strange experiences during those days. The road was then Narrow Gauge, the engine weighed less than nine tons, and burned wood for fuel. There is no way now to tell with any degree of accuracy the number of miles of rail fence Alison Johnson burned in that old engine, but he had her steamed up most of the time. Mr. Johnson has grown old in the service of the railroad (not in years for he is only sixty-six) but in experience. He needs a long rest, and it is doubtful if he will ever be active in railroad circles again. If there was ever a faithful employ, Alison Johnson is that man. His services will be missed by the company, all the members of which will unite with his host of warm friends in best wishes for his future health and happiness.

It sounds almost too good to be true, but it is a fact. A compilation of the Liberty Bond figures Wednesday noon for Paw Paw township showed that this township has subscribed for a total of \$95,500. The original quota was \$47,000, so we have more than doubled our quota. The goal set now by the committee is \$100,000 by tomorrow night. County chairman T. J. Cavanaugh reports that nearly every township in the county is already "Over the Top" and the probabilities are that every precinct in the county will reach the goal. The Drive does not close until Saturday night. There is yet time for those who can, to increase the subscription, and for those who have not subscribed to get on the Honor Roll. In the closing hours of the drive, County Chairman Cavanaugh sends out the following appeal. "These are the closing days of the Third Liberty Loan campaign. May 4th (this Saturday) is the last day. The quota given each township to raise was based on the assessed valuation. Many of the towns have raised their full quota and some much more. I would be glad to have each township receive an honor flag for having reached its quota. The Government expects twenty-five persons out of every hundred to buy bonds--at least one bond for every family. Secretary McAduo at Chicago spoke of the response of the farmers in loaning their money to the Government. The slogan all over the country is "Buy Another Bond". I am making a personal appeal to you to "Buy Another Bond" and help the showing of your township in raising the money asked by the Government. How can we win the war if we do not provide the guns, the aeroplanes and the machinery necessary to equip our boys who go to fight? This all takes money. Let us do without, ourselves and let the Government have the money for awhile. Let the Government know that the heart and soul and money of America is back of it to WIN THE WAR, the sooner the better. Will you loan the Government what you can spare now? If your money is tied up, the banks will take care of you. Pay ten per cent down, ten dollars on a hundred. Give your note for six months for the balance, five per cent until due. The bond will be left with the note as security and the borrowing of this money being secured by the bond does not interfere with your credit at the bank to borrow for other purposes. The bond pays 4 and 1/4 per cent interest payable every six months. It is due in ten years. It will help the record of your township if you buy a bond. It will help you to save money. Let us show that we are with the Government by BUYING ANOTHER BOND.